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Title: SYSTEM AND ELEMENTS FOR MANAGING
THERAPEUTIC GAS ADMINISTRATION TO
A SPONTANEOUSLY BREATHING
NON-VENTILATED PATIENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated 11/01/2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 36 subject to the filing of a Divisional Application.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated 11/01/2004 has been carefully reviewed.

The Office Action contains a restriction requirement with regard to the following groups:

I. Claims 29-35 and 40 directed to a low dead volume pressure equalizing device for high purity gas circuits; and

II. Claim 36 directed to a device for administering therapeutic gas to a spontaneously breathing, non-ventilated patient.

Applicant provisionally elects Group I, Claims 29-35 and 40 directed to a low dead